The Unprofitable Servant

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
Matthew 25:30 (KJV)

It probably seems like I'm on a Eternal Security exposing mission lately, but the fact is that it's the Holy Spirit, not me. Last night the words 'unprofitable servant' came to me and the simple truth of them were revealed. All that a Christian really needs to know about eternal security is found in these two words. How's that? Simply the fact that a servant of God may be unprofitable tells us that our salvation is conditional on certain duties we must perform.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
Revelation 2:5 (KJV)

The simple truth is that if we had no requirements to fulfill as Christians there would never be a situation where we could be unprofitable. As a matter of fact, the word 'servant' alone used as a reference to Christians tells anyone with a functioning brain, let alone an honest heart that there are requirements. A servant's job is to... serve, or as Christ put it to the church of Ephesus 'do the first works'.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
Revelation 22:5 (KJV)

Furthermore, in the parable of the unprofitable servant we are told not only that a servant of the Lord may be unprofitable, but that there is a terrible price to be paid for it. Believe it or not, there are actually teachers out there like Charles Stanley and Tony Evans who wickedly give false hope to those who may be headed to the 'outer darkness' by suggesting that it is not actually Hell, but merely the outskirts of Heaven. But as you can see in the above verse John was shown Heaven and he duly noted that there was no darkness to be found there.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
Hebrews 10:31 (KJV)

These wolves are wagering that you will fall for the wimpy, effeminate Christ portrayed by the world who cannot deny His children anything. But our God is Holy, and righteous. The Jesus that told the woman caught in adultery to 'go and sin no more' is the same one who whipped the moneychangers in His Father's house. He is loving when it is appropriate but fearsome as well. These are the ones scripture call the **'twice dead'.** They no longer have any fear of God but that will come to an abrupt end quickly.

Beware the Scribes

Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;
Luke 20:46 (KJV)

It seems to me that there is a certain chain of reasoning that entraps many a Christian into hanging on to the words of the scribes, the self proclaimed learned and knowledgeable men who seek to instruct others. We all know them, they represent the Great Whore which is counterfeit Christianity. They are quite proud of their degrees from Illuminati infiltrated bible schools and will point to them when their lies are exposed.

You see, many of their doctrines twist the plain meaning of scripture into something that doesn't even resemble the truth. For example, the first thought of most people reading about the 'outer darkness' would be that it represents Hell, and they would be correct. Yet these men actually have the nerve to use the fact that their interpretation contradicts the intuitive meaning as proof that it is you who's lacking in discernment, not them.

> **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
> **1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)**

Plainly speaking, the bible wasn't written to be interpreted by smart men. It was written in plain language for the common man to understand. The scribes and Pharisees for all their learnedness could not understand anything spiritual. Why? See the above verse. God equips each of His servants with all the understanding we need just for the asking.

> **Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**
> **Acts 4:13 (KJV)**

Consider this carefully. By the world's standards Peter and John were unlearned and ignorant men, yet that did not hinder them in any way from both grasping and preaching the gospel. Someone who the world considers to be mentally retarded can actually have a better grasp of spiritual matters than the PHD with certificates along his walls. We do not need to be smart, or have faith in our own reasoning skills. What we do need is boldness and that is sorely lacking in today's average Christian. Our job is to read our bibles, believe what they say and act upon that belief.

> **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**
> **1 John 2:27 (KJV)**

We must trust the Holy Spirit in us to be our teacher, not other men. Any man of God worth his salt will teach his sheep to feed themselves, not constantly come to him for their spiritual needs. The pastor that demands you come to him for all the answers is not a man of God. But it is not enough for us to have the Holy Spirit in us, we must also trust that still small voice. It takes time and patience, and sometimes going out on a limb like Peter did when he walked on water.

> **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**
> **Ephesians 4:14 (KJV)**

There is no hope for those tossed about by every wind of doctrine unless they learn to hear the Spirit for themselves. There is no reason for the Spirit filled Christian to ever find themselves in this situation for God's Word promises that He will lead us into all truth (**John 16:13 KJV**). If you cannot hear the Holy Spirit for yourself it is either due to too many distractions in your life blocking Him out, or not being Spirit filled at all.

> **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**
> **John 10:27 (KJV)**

The unprofitable servant is not paying attention to the Shepherd and His instructions. He cannot hear His Master's voice. The eternal security proponent isn't listening for His Master's voice because doesn't believe he is a servant and therefore believes he has no part to play. He's not listening.

> **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)**

Many foolishly think that this warning not to grieve the Holy Spirit is somehow a promise. But seals can be broken by those who are worthy (**Revelation 5:2-9 KJV**). When it comes to our salvation God has made a pact with us to never leave or forsake us, so the only person who can break that Holy Spirit seal is us.